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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 11 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing a liquid onto a substrate, comprising:

a support for receiving the substrate;

a dispensing head for dispensing the liquid onto the substrate;

a knife ring having a base and a tapered edge extending from said base vertically adjustably mounted beneath said support; and

[and] a plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment mechanism mechanisms operably engaging said base of said knife ring for placing said knife ring at selected vertical positions beneath the substrate.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment mechanism comprises at least one mechanisms comprise a plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating cylinder cylinders.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

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4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment mechanism comprises at least one mechanisms comprise a plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating ~~cylinder~~ cylinders.

5. - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said at--least--one plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating ~~cylinder~~ cylinder is actuated by pneumatic pressure.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

9. - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing a liquid onto a substrate, comprising:

a support for receiving the substrate;

a dispensing head for dispensing the liquid onto the substrate;

a knife ring having a base and a tapered edge extending from said base vertically adjustably mounted beneath said support; and

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~~at least one~~ a pair of independently-actuated
hydraulic-powered ring actuating cylinder cylinders operably
engaging said base of said knife ring in generally
diametrically-opposed relationship to each other for placing
said knife ring at selected vertical positions beneath the
substrate.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said
knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

13. - 20. (Canceled)